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In re Application of: Gregory H. Lambrecht et al.
Serial No.: 09/700,167
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METHODS AND DEVICES
Group Art Unit: 3738
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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed January 23, 2003 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from April 23, 2003 to July 23, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$465.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

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